

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby proclaim January 3, 1983, as the "One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of Greene County, Missouri."

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this third day of January, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and seventh.

RONALD REAGAN

Proclamation 5011 of January 7, 1983

National Jaycee Week, 1983

*By the President of the United States of America
A Proclamation*

For more than sixty years, the Jaycees have brought together outstanding young members of communities throughout the Nation to help meet the vital needs of our ever-changing and increasingly complex society. Motivated by their creed "Service to humanity is the best work of life," hundreds of thousands of Jaycees have voluntarily contributed their energy to a wide variety of humanitarian projects and have thereby enriched their country, their communities and their own lives.

As a training ground for new leaders, the Jaycees have made their most valuable and lasting contribution to our society. This organization has for generations launched young Americans on careers of leadership in every field of endeavor.

In recognition of the accomplishments of this organization, the Congress of the United States, by Senate Joint Resolution 240, has authorized and requested the President to issue a proclamation designating the week beginning on January 16, 1983, as "National Jaycee Week."

96 Stat. 2292.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the week beginning January 16, 1983, as National Jaycee Week, and I call upon the people of the United States to observe that period with appropriate programs, ceremonies and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 7th day of January, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and seventh.

RONALD REAGAN

Proclamation 5012 of January 10, 1983

Public Employees' Appreciation Day, 1983

*By the President of the United States of America
A Proclamation*

January 1983 marks the one hundredth anniversary of the signing of the Pendleton Act which created the Federal civil service system. The Act es-

22 Stat. 403.

tablished the principle of hiring according to merit in the Federal service, and although the system has been modified and refined through the years, it continues to play an essential role in ensuring the stability of the world's largest and most successful democracy. Our ability to function effectively in times of trial and upheaval and to prosper when various national crises have passed depends in no small degree upon the contributions of those who make up our civil service system.

The American civil service system succeeds because of several factors. It is built upon the concept that selection of career government employees must be based upon merit principles, the goal being to hire the most capable and qualified people to do the public's work. It also provides for a vital partnership between political leaders, who bring with them policies and programs endorsed by the electorate, and career civil servants, who provide the expertise and continuity which are essential to the effective operation of a government as large and varied as ours.

To commemorate the Centennial and to show our appreciation to Federal employees past and present, public agencies and private groups throughout America will sponsor events highlighting the history and accomplishments of the civil service system during January 1983 and in succeeding months.

96 Stat. 2093.

In recognition of the tremendous contributions of public employees to our Nation's government, the Congress, by House Joint Resolution 619, has designated January 17, 1983, as "Public Employees' Appreciation Day" and has requested the President to issue a Proclamation in observance of that day.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RONALD REAGAN, President of the United States of America, in recognition of the Centennial of the Federal civil service system, do hereby proclaim January 17, 1983, as Public Employees' Appreciation Day.

I urge all Americans to join with members of the Federal civil service system, and the many professional associations and employee unions which represent them, in commemorating the centennial anniversary of the institution to which they belong and in appreciation of the countless contributions they have made on behalf of all Americans over the past one hundred years.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 10th day of January, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and eighty-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and seventh.

RONALD REAGAN

Editorial Note: The President's memorandum for heads of executive departments and agencies, dated Jan. 10, 1983, on the centennial of the Federal civil service is printed in the *Weekly Compilation of Presidential Documents* (vol. 19, p. 28).

Proclamation 5013 of January 12, 1983

National Inventors' Day, 1983

By the President of the United States of America
A Proclamation

Almost two hundred years ago, President George Washington recognized that invention and innovation were fundamental to the welfare and strength of the United States. He successfully urged the First Congress to